



## Yavapai County

Our Mission: "Yavapai County will serve and protect its citizens through efficient management of all its resources to enhance the lives of those we serve."



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### COVID-19 Update: Wednesday April 20, 2022

**CDC Mask Mandate for Travel Overturned:** A U.S. District Court judge struck down the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) mask mandate, which has been in effect for 14 months. As a result, the TSA won't enforce the mask mandate until further notice. "Effective immediately, TSA will no longer enforce its security directives and emergency amendment requiring mask use on public transportation and transportation hubs," the U.S. Transportation Security Administration said in a statement.

**Moderna new "bivalent" vaccine shows promise against COVID variants:** The pharmaceutical company Moderna, announced Tuesday that a new version of the company's COVID-19 vaccine appears to provide stronger, longer-lasting protection against variants of the virus than the original vaccine. The vaccine will include the Wuhan strain and 32 mutations present in the Omicron COVID variant. Researchers are testing several new versions of both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines to see if they provide broader protection against the omicron variant. Federal officials are hoping to see some results by later this spring to give companies enough time to produce vaccines for another round of shots in the fall when immunity from previous vaccination and infections may be waning and another surge could be looming.

**COVID-19 Free Testing Sites:** We ask that you wear a mask at our testing sites and that you only come to be tested if you are symptomatic or have been recently exposed to Covid-19.

**Prescott and Prescott Valley Days:** The testing site is located at Prescott Valley Crossroads, 5757 E State Rte. 69, Prescott Valley and will operate Monday -Friday 8:00am-4:00pm, Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm. Testing will be free with no appointment necessary. The site will offer PCR tests with results in 48-72 hours. Our testing location at Pioneer Park is no longer operating.

**Cottonwood Days:** Monday-Friday. **Time:** 8:00am-5:30pm. **Location:** 300 South Willard St Cottonwood, AZ 86326. PCR test.

**Camp Verde Days:** Monday-Friday. **Time:** 8:00am-5:30pm. **Location:** 1298 W Finnie Flat Rd Camp Verde, AZ 86322. PCR test.

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**Yavapai County reports 84 COVID-19 Cases and 1 Deaths since Wednesday April 13, 2022.** There have been 48,007 positive cases and 1,202 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **8** COVID-patients, VVMC reports **6** patients, and the VA reports **0** patients. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or what seems to be a bad cold, please get tested for COVID-19.

**ADHS COVID-19 Hotline – (844) 542-8201** (select option number eight) – help in English and Spanish from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, except for major holidays.

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